

In the Specification

Please amend the paragraph on page 2, lines 6-16 as follows:

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The difficulties experienced by ~~gardens~~ gardeners in securing garden stakes into position are well known. A garden stake may typically be of considerable height and could be expected to carry substantial loads. For this reason, stakes are usually buried deep into the ground to ~~stabilise~~ stabilize the structure. However, it is no easy task to install the stake in the first place and no easy task to remove the stake once in position. Where none of the stake is below ground it is difficult to reach the top of the stake to enable it to be hammered into the ground and it may be necessary to use steps to reach the top of the stake. Depending on the position of the stake in a garden this is not always convenient and in any even the top of a ladder is not the most secure position from which to swing a mallet. Similarly, removing a stake from hard ground is difficult. Digging a stake out of the ground risks disturbing adjacent plants, which may be undesirable.

Please amend the paragraph on page 2, lines 19-21 as follows:

Therefore in one ~~for-m~~ form of the invention though this need not be the only or indeed the broadest form there is proposed a garden stake support for use in ground including:

Please amend the paragraph page 5, lines 10-16 as follows:

As can be seen in figures 1-3 the lowermost portion 12 consists of an open three sides

channel member having a first side element 18, a second side element 20 and a rear element 22. The first side element 18 extends further and is longer than the second side element 20. Thus at a lower end the lowermost portion 12 forms a point 24 where the first side element 20 and rear side 22 meet. The outer sedge 26 of the rear 22 slopes from sides 20 to 22 18. However, as can be seen from the drawings, the slop on the edge 26 is not straight and includes a slight indented shoulder 27.

Please amend the paragraph page 6, line 28 - page 7, line 5, as follows:

The ~~an~~ interlocking upright section 44 is a snug fit in the open ended base section 42 and is illustrated in ~~grater~~ greater detail in figures 7a and 7b. The upright section 44 serves a number of purposes. Firstly, as can be seen in figure 1, the upright can house risers 54 from the ~~water supply branch~~ pipe member 40 to thereby enable water to be delivered from a stable elevated position. Secondly, the upright also forms the traditional garden stake to which plants may be secured. The upright section 44 is the most visible part of the stake 10. As the most prominent visual part of the stake 10, it is generally desirable for the upright to have a reduced visual impact. That is to say the garden itself and the plants in the garden should not be dominated by the physical infrastructure used to support them. Notwithstanding the need to diminish the visual impact of the upright portion 44 of the stake 10, it is important that this part of the whole is sufficiently strong to serve its purpose.